

Sinclair's free use of public airwaves means that they owe the public SERVICE, not free political campaign advertising time for one party shortly before a major election. The Sinclair WB affiliate in my area -- WB62 in Kansas City -- does not even have a news department; there is no local news broadcast on this station. How is skipping local coverage and then running an extended partisan political ad considered service to the public??? This is contrary to what a democracy needs to function: full information from an independent media.

Sinclair Broadcasting is requiring their stations to air an anti-Kerry advertisement disguised as a documentary just days before the election. This is an obvious example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for considering my opinion.